

REMARKS

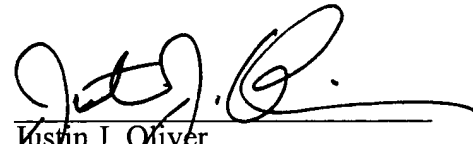
Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,751,383 (Yamanaka). Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant submits that this rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of Claim 26.

The remaining claims in this application are all allowed. Accordingly, this Amendment After Final Rejection is believed to clearly place this application in condition for allowance. Applicant requests entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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